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28 MAY 1958

Executive Registry
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Boris Gourevitch

REFERENCE: (a) Letter to the DCI from Reverend Henry Smith Leiper, dated 16 April 1958  
(b) Letter to Reverend Henry Smith Leiper from the DCI, dated 26 April 1958

*[Handwritten signature]*

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1. This memorandum is for information only.

2. In reference (a) the Reverend Henry Smith Leiper, Secretary, Friends of the World Council of Churches, New York City, recommended that you talk to Boris Gourevitch, publisher of the monumental two-volume work, The Road to Peace and to Moral Democracy, and President of the Union for the Protection of the Human Person, an international organization created in 1939. Your reply to Dr. Leiper (reference (b)) stated that one of your [REDACTED] representatives would call on Gourevitch.

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3. On 19 May, a representative [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] called on Mr. Gourevitch, who is 69 years old, born in Russia, and not a US citizen. He stated that the Union for the Protection of the Human Person was dedicated to the movement for a reform of International Law in the sense of the protection of the dignity and human rights of minorities, of refugees, of emigrants, and of stateless persons. The organization is also dedicated to the mutual collaboration of nations for the purpose of the economic and social development of the backward regions and of the promotion of peace on the basis of spiritual brotherhood and moral effort for freedom and equality.

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4. Mr. Gourevitch

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[REDACTED] has written many magazine articles in addition to the two-volume work mentioned above. Although he was most anxious to talk with you personally, [REDACTED] persuaded him to submit a number of his articles together with his two-volume work. The articles have been forwarded to International Organizations Division, DD/P, for evaluation and assessment. The two-volume work is being retained [REDACTED] pending results of this assessment.

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[REDACTED]  
Assistant Director for Operations

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Enclosure (B)

26 APR 1958

Rev. Henry Smith Leiper, D.D.  
Secretary  
Friends of the World Council of Churches  
136 Fifth Avenue  
New York 10, New York

Dear Henry:

Thank you very much for your letter of April 16, concerning Boris Gourevitch.

As a follow-up to your suggestion, I have asked our people [redacted] to get in touch with Mr. Gourevitch at an early date. I appreciate your interest.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Signed

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

O/DCI/[redacted]

25 April 1958

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Enclosure (A)

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# FRIENDS OF THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

Rev. Henry Smith Leiper, D.D., *Secretary*  
Eleanor Kent Browne, *Assistant Secretary*

April 16, 1958

W. Rodman Parvin, *Treasurer*  
*Vice-President, Guaranty Trust Co.*

The Hon. Allen W. Dulles  
2430 E Street  
Washington 25, D.C.

My dear Allen:

As one who was in Russia at the time of the Revolution I have for forty years been deeply concerned over the menace of Communism. It has therefore been one of my interests to discover persons with wide knowledge of Russia in order to turn up ideas that might strengthen the struggle of the free world against the spreading imperialism of Moscow.

Many years ago in France, myself and Dr. William Temple, the Archbishop of York and later Archbishop of Canterbury, were introduced by Dr. Marc Boegner--head of the Reformed Church in France and later President of the World Council of Churches--to a very interesting Russian who had even then resided in France for a long time. He was heading a body known as "The Union for the Protection of the Human Person" and had associated with him many distinguished leaders of the French nation. His name is Boris Gourevitch and he has since published a monumental two-volume work under the title "The Road to Peace and To Moral Democracy", published by the International University Press in New York, containing some 2700 pages.

Boris Gourevitch tells me of a seemingly significant revisionist movement in the satellites as well as in Russia about which you may already have information, but I am confident that he might be able to add to your documentation concerning the movement and its possible significance.

My feeling is that it would be worth your while to have a talk with him, either when you are in New York some time, or in Washington. He is a person whom I have found, not only possessed of immense knowledge but possessing wide contacts with persons of significance in many European lands. I have reason to feel that he is honest, intelligent, keen and wise.

I am therefore venturing the hope that you would let me know where and when you could have a talk with him.

Yours ever heartily,

*Henry*  
Henry Smith Leiper

100 West 80th Street, New York City  
Telephone: ENdicott 2-5695

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NEW YORK, N. Y., April 17, 1958

The Hon. Allen W. Dulles  
2430 E Street  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

As a former President of the Union for the Protection of the Human Person and in view of my long-established acquaintance with Boris Gourevitch, I have much satisfaction in corroborating Dr. Leiper's statement regarding him, and in testifying to Boris Gourevitch's intimate and deep knowledge of the developments of the communist movement.

Sincerely yours,

*12. M. MacIver*

Prof. Robert M. MacIver

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY  
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Remarks:

Will you please arrange to have somebody contact Mr. Gourevitch, if necessary through Dr. Leiper, and give the DCI a brief report on what Mr. Gourevitch had to say.

*4-5. Please return  
basic for our files.*

Suspense - 12 May 58

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ADDRESS AND PHONE NO.	DATE
Asst. to the Director	<i>28 May 58</i>